

The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Legislation Edition: April 2015
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The General Assembly has concluded! This special edition is dedicated solely to legislation passed by the Maryland General Assembly. I hope you find this informative and use this opportunity to become an integral part of our legislative process. If you have any questions on bills relating to the Howard County Delegation or the General Assembly, please contact **Dan Furman** at 410-841-3360 or email hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.



Howard County State Delegation Legislation

House Bill 204 (Cross filed as **Senate Bill 236**) –
Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Environmental Education Center Renovation and Expansion Ho. Co. 2-15

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Introduced in the Senate by Howard County Senators
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Conservancy, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, expansion and capital equipping of the Environmental Education Center, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 2pm

Ho.Co. 3-15 – **Creation of a State Debt – Howard County – Harriet Tubman Center**

Introduced by Delegate Frank Turner

FOR the purpose of authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks for certain development or improvement purposes; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; and providing generally for the issuance and sale of bonds evidencing the loan.

House Bill 205 (Cross filed as **Senate Bill 233**) –
Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Community Action Council Food Bank Facility Ho. Co. 4-15

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Introduced in the Senate by Howard County Senators
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$500,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Community Action Council of Howard County, Maryland, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Community Action Council Food Bank Facility project, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 2:00 p.m.

House Bill 424 – **Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event – Education Permits Ho.Co. 5-15**

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Authorizing the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special event - education beer

and wine tasting alcoholic beverages permit and a special event - education beer, wine, and liquor tasting alcoholic beverages permit; specifying that a specified special event - education alcoholic beverages permit may be issued to a holder of a specified alcoholic beverages license; authorizing a holder of a special event - education alcoholic beverages permit to provide specified alcoholic beverages under specified circumstances; etc.
Status: PASSED – Effective July 1, 2015

House Bill 145 – Howard County - Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board - Compensation Ho. Co. 6-15

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Providing that the compensation for the Howard County Appointed Alcoholic Beverage Hearing Board shall be the amount set by the Howard County Council.
Status: PASSED – EFFECTIVE October 1, 2015

House Bill 425 – Howard County – Casino Events – Authorized Ho.Co. 7-15

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Authorizing specified organizations to hold casino events that may include a card game or roulette in Howard County, as specified; requiring an organization to obtain a permit from the Howard County Department of Inspections, Licenses, and Permits before operating a casino event; requiring the county to establish the amount of the permit fee; limiting the amount of specified prizes; requiring a permit holder to ensure that specified standards are met; etc.
Status: PASSED; Awaiting signature from Governor

House Bill 440 – Howard County – Insurance – Certificates of Guarantee for County Bond Requirements HoCo. 8-15

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Authorizing Howard County to honor certificates of guarantee that are issued by specified associations or their wholly owned subsidiaries on behalf of specified contractors for the purpose of satisfying county bond requirements for public improvements or other county bond requirements; providing that Howard County is not required under specified provisions of law to honor a certificate of guarantee; and altering the definition of "certificate of guarantee".
Status: PASSED; Awaiting signature from Governor

House Bill 206 (Cross filed as **Senate Bill 234**) – **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County - Howard County Historical Society Roof Repair Ho. Co. 9-15**
Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Introduced in the Senate by Howard County Senators
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$35,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Howard County Historical Society,

Incorporated for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Howard County Historical Society facility, including repair of the roof, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.
House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations
Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 2:00 p.m.

House Bill 426 (Cross filed as **Senate Bill 235**) – **Creation of a State Debt - Howard County – Historic Clover Hill Farm Restoration Ho.Co. 10-15**

Introduced in the House by Howard County Delegation
Introduced in the Senate by Howard County Senators
Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the County Executive and County Council of Howard County for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Historic Clover Hill Farm House, located in Howard County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.
House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Appropriations
Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 3/14 at 2:00 p.m.

Ho.Co. 11-15 – Howard County – County Income Tax – Maximum Rate

Introduced by Delegate Warren Miller
FOR the purpose of altering the maximum rate for the county income tax that Howard County may set for certain taxable years; repealing obsolete language; and generally relating to the county income tax.
Delegation Vote = Tabled

House Bill 209
Howard County - Room Rental Tax - Room Rental Fee Ho. Co. 12-15

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Turner
Clarifying that the Howard County room rental tax applies to the total charge for the rental of a room, including any room rental fee charged by a room rental intermediary but not including any tax; and defining specified terms.
House Bill Status = In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (30-17)



Maryland State General Assembly Legislation

[House Bill 22](#)

Education - Privacy of Education Records and Personal Information of Students

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Schulz

Authorizing the State Department of Education, the State Board of Education, a county board of education, a local school system, a primary school, or a secondary school to collect or disclose the education records or personally identifiable information contained in the education records of a student only as necessary or required for specified purposes; prohibiting a person from requiring a specified student, without prior written consent, to submit to a survey, an analysis, or an evaluation that reveals specified information; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

[House Bill 28](#)

Primary and Secondary Education - Security - School Resource Officers

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Cluster

Requiring that at least one school resource officer be assigned to each public school in the State; requiring specified public schools to hire retired law enforcement officers as school resource officers for the school; requiring specified school resource officers to obtain a special police officer commission issued by the Department of State Police; requiring the county superintendent to submit an application to the Secretary of State Police for a special police commission for each school resource officer hired; etc.

House Bill Status: In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 3:00 p.m.

[House Bill 29](#)

Election Law - Voter Registration and Absentee Voting - Proof of Citizenship

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Schulz

Requiring individuals who apply to register to vote after June 30, 2015, to submit proof of United States citizenship; providing that individuals who are not citizens of the United States are not qualified to be registered voters; requiring an applicant for voter

registration to submit specified documents or information to prove United States citizenship; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

[House Bill 34](#)

Education - Implementation of the Common Core State Standards – Prohibition

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Schulz

Prohibiting the State Board of Education and specified county boards of education from establishing specified educational policies, curriculum, and guidelines that include or are based on the Common Core State Standards; prohibiting the State Board from entering into any agreements or joining any organizations that give control over educational matters to any entity other than the State; requiring the State Board to take specified steps to rescind the State Board's adoption of the Common Core State Standards; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - First Reading Ways and Means

[House Bill 43](#)

Election Law - Petitions - Prohibited Actions

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Rosenberg

Prohibiting a person from willfully and knowingly preventing, hindering, or delaying a person who has a lawful right to sign a petition from signing a petition through the use of fraud, duress, or force.

House Bill Status: In the House - Third Reading Passed (135-0); In the Senate - Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 44](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 314](#))

Special Education - Translations of Individualized Education Programs or Individualized Family Service Plans - Native Language

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Luedtke

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ramirez

Authorizing the parents of a child with a disability to request the translation into their native language of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan; and requiring specified school personnel to provide the parents with a translation of a completed individualized education program or a completed individualized family service plan within 30 days after the date of the request.

House Bill Status: In the House - Third Reading Passed (125-8); In the Senate - First Reading Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

[House Bill 49](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 62](#))

Clerks of the Circuit Courts - Water and Sewer Lien Registers – Fees

Introduced in the House by: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Introduced in the Senate by: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Repealing a requirement that specified water and sewer authorities pay a fee of 5 cents for each entry to the clerk of a circuit court in the county where the specified real estate is located to record a lien in a specified lien register.

Status: Returned Passed

[House Bill 51](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 66](#))

Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund - Funding

Introduced in the House by: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Introduced in the Senate by: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Increasing from \$20 to \$40 the amount of the surcharge on specified recordable instruments that the State Court Administrator is required to establish for the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

House Bill Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (34-13)

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (35-11); In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 54](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 64](#))

Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund – Funding

Introduced in the House by: Chair, Judiciary Committee

Introduced in the Senate by: Chair, Judicial Proceedings Committee

Requiring the State Court Administrator to assess a surcharge on specified fees, charges, and costs in specified cases in the Court of Appeals, Court of Special Appeals, and circuit courts; requiring the Chief Judge of the District Court to assess a surcharge in specified civil cases that may not be more than \$3 per summary ejectment case and \$8 per case for specified civil cases; and requiring the surcharges to be deposited in the Circuit Court Real Property Records Improvement Fund.

House Bill Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (38-9)

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 64](#)

Alcoholic Beverages - Local Licensing Boards - Judicial Review

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Vitale

Extending to 120 days the time within which a court may affirm, modify, or reverse a decision by a local alcoholic beverages licensing board on whether to approve, suspend, revoke, or restrict a license.

Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-0)

[House Bill 65](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 224](#))

Education - Maintenance of Effort - Lease Payment Exclusion

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Vitale

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Reilly

Authorizing specified county governing bodies to exclude specified lease payments made by a county board of education from the maintenance of effort calculation under specified circumstances; and providing for the prospective application of the Act.

House Bill Status: In the House - Hearing 2/05 at 2:15 p.m.

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 73](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 192](#))

Voters' Rights Protection Act of 2015

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Rosenberg

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Pinsky

Authorizing the Attorney General to institute an action in a circuit court for injunctive relief to prohibit a person from engaging in or continuing to engage in specified violations of election law; providing that injunctive relief may be granted under the Act only to prevent specified violations of election law from affecting a pending election; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Passed Enrolled; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (47-0)

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-1); In the House - First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

[House Bill 83](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 444](#))

Public Records – Inspection

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Krebs

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ready

Clarifying that an official custodian is required to designate types of public records of the governmental unit that are to be made available and to maintain a current list of the types of public records that have been designated as available to any applicant immediately upon request; repealing the prohibition against a specified applicant obtaining a copy of a judgment until a specified time; etc.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 113](#)

Local Government Tort Claims Act - Limits on Liability

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Conaway

Increasing to \$500,000 per individual claim and \$1,000,000 per total claims the limits on liability of a local government for claims under the Local Government Tort Claims Act that arise from the same occurrence; and applying the Act prospectively.

House Bill Status = In the House - Passed Enrolled; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (33-14)

[House Bill 122](#)

Task Force to Study the Impact of State and Local Taxes on Small Businesses

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Robinson, B.
Establishing the Task Force to Study the Impact of State and Local Taxes on Small Businesses; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations regarding the impact of State and local taxes on small businesses; requiring a report on or before December 31, 2015; etc.
House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 2/10 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 129](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 30](#))

Procurement - Veteran-Owned Small Business Enterprise Participation - Award of Contracts

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Morhaim
Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Peters
Requiring a unit awarding a contract with a specified expected goal of veteran-owned small business enterprise participation to award the contract in accordance with specified provisions of law to a specified bidder or offer or that meets or makes a good faith effort to meet the expected goals.
House Bill Status: In the House - Returned Passed; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (47-0)
Senate Bill Status: Approved by the Governor

[House Bill 141](#)

Election Law - 2016 Presidential Primary Election - Early Voting

Introduced in the House by: Delegate O'Donnell
Altering the days for early voting for the 2016 presidential primary election.
House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means

[House Bill 156](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 133](#))

Environment - Bay Restoration Fund - Use of Funds

Introduced in the House by: Allegany County Delegation
Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Edwards
Authorizing funds in the Bay Restoration Fund, in fiscal 2016, to be used to pay up to 87.5% of the total cost of projects relating to combined sewer overflows abatement, rehabilitation of existing sewers, and upgrading specified conveyance systems; and generally relating to the use of funds in the Bay Restoration Fund.
Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 159](#)

Special Education - Standards and Workload Guidelines for Teachers and Related Services Providers

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Luedtke
Requiring the State Board of Education to adopt regulations that establish workload guidelines for special education teachers and related services providers; requiring the State Board to conduct a specified analysis of the administrative responsibilities of special education teachers and make specified recommendations beginning with the 2016-2017 school year; etc.
House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 166](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 310](#))

Education - Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Act – Establishment

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Gutierrez
Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Rosapepe
Establishing the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy Program; providing for the purpose of the Program; providing that participation in the Program by a local school system is voluntary; providing that, beginning with the graduating class of 2016, specified eligible students shall receive the Maryland Seal of Biliteracy affixed to a diploma or transcript under specified circumstances; requiring the State Board of Education to establish specified criteria and requirements on or before October 1, 2015; etc.
House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.
Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-0); In the House - Hearing on 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 174](#)

Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal

Introduced in the House by: Delegate O'Donnell
Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers.
House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 3/06 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 177](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 31](#))

Income Tax - Subtraction Modification - Military Retirement Income - Individuals at Least 65 Years Old

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Holmes
Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Peters
Increasing the subtraction modification under the State income tax from \$5,000 to \$10,000 of military retirement income received for retirees at least 65 years old on the last day of the taxable year; applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014; etc.

House Bill Status: In the House - Hearing 2/27 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Budget and Taxation; Withdrawn

[House Bill 215](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 183](#))

Education - Geographic Cost of Education – Requirement

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Luedtke

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator King

Requiring that the county boards of education receive a specified grant to reflect regional differences in the cost of education that are due to factors outside of the control of the local jurisdiction; and repealing a provision that allowed for the reduction of a grant under specified circumstances.

House Bill Status = In the House - In the House - Favorable with Amendments {155268/1

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Returned Passed

[House Bill 224](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 315](#))

Domestic Violence - 2-Year Protective Order

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Dumais

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ramirez

Specifying that a court may issue a protective order for a period not to exceed 2 years by consent of the respondent under specified circumstances.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 225](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 269](#))

Domestic Violence - Additional Relief

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Dumais

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Lee

Expanding the relief that may be awarded in an interim protective order to include any other relief that a District Court commissioner determines is appropriate; and expanding the relief that may be awarded in a temporary protective order and a final protective order to include any other relief that a judge determines is appropriate.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 235](#)

Vehicle Laws - Manufacturers and Distributors - Sale of Electric or Nonfossil-Fuel Burning Vehicles

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Reznik

Authorizing a manufacturer or distributor to be licensed as a vehicle dealer if the manufacturer or distributor deals only in electric or nonfossil-fuel burning vehicles and if no dealer in the State holds a franchise from the manufacturer or distributor; authorizing specified manufacturers or distributors who deal only in electric or nonfossil-fuel burning vehicles to operate a specified dealership located in an enclosed shopping mall.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 248](#)

State Board of Education - Financial Literacy Curriculum - Graduation Requirement

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Walker

Requiring the State Board of Education to develop curriculum content for a semester-long course in financial literacy; requiring each county board of education to implement the financial literacy curriculum content developed by the State Board in every high school in the county; and requiring students to complete a course in financial literacy in order to graduate from high school.

House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 2/19 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 302](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 28](#))

Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund - Use of Funds

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Simonaire

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Simonaire

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to establish a Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to be used only for nonpoint source pollution control projects except under specified circumstances; prohibiting the transfer of funds in the Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays 2010 Trust Fund to the General Fund or a special fund of the State except under specified circumstances; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

House Bill Status: In the House - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (47-0); In the House - Hearing 3/25 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 308](#)

Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Video Cameras

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Conaway

Authorizing a law enforcement officer to wear a video camera affixed to the law enforcement officer's uniform while on duty; requiring that a recording be preserved by a law enforcement agency for at least 30 calendar days; providing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a specified law enforcement officer to intercept a specified oral communication; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary

[House Bill 385](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 40](#))

Labor and Employment - Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Clippinger

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Pugh

Requiring specified employers to provide employees with specified earned sick and safe leave; providing for the manner in which earned sick and safe leave is accrued by the employee and treated by the employer; requiring an employer to allow an employee to use earned sick and safe leave for specified purposes; requiring an employee, under specified circumstances, to request leave, notify the employer of specified information, and comply with specified procedures; etc.

House Bill Status: In the House - Hearing 2/13 at 12:30 p.m.

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Hearing 2/03 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 390](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 270](#))

Protective Order and Peace Order Petitions - Maryland Residents

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Atterbeary

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Lee

Authorizing the filing of a protective order petition if the abuse is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the person eligible for relief is a resident of the State; and authorizing the filing of a peace order petition if a specified act is alleged to have occurred in the State or if the petitioner is a resident of the State.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 456](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 521](#))

Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Morales

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Lee

Establishing the Workgroup to Study Safe Harbor Policy for Youth Victims of Human Trafficking; specifying the purpose of the Workgroup; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Workgroup; prohibiting a member of the Workgroup from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; establishing the duties of the Workgroup; requiring the Workgroup to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before December 1, 2015; etc.

Status: Approved by Governor; Effective June 1, 2015

[House Bill 489](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 7](#))

Electronic Cigarettes - Sale to Minors - Components, Supplies, and Enforcement

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Miller, A.

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Middleton

Clarifying that the prohibition against selling, distributing, or offering for sale a specified electronic device to a minor that can be used to deliver nicotine includes any component for the device or product used to

refill or resupply the device; clarifying that the exception to the prohibition for devices approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration applies only to devices for sale as a tobacco cessation product; changing a violation of the prohibition from a misdemeanor to a civil infraction; etc.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 533](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 628](#))

Wiretapping and Electronic Surveillance - Body-Worn Digital Recording Device and Electronic Control Device - Exception

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Sydnor

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Klausmeier

Establishing that it is lawful under a specified provision of law for a law enforcement officer to intercept an oral communication with a specified device under specified circumstances; and defining terms.

House Bill Status = In the House - Passed Enrolled; In the Senate - Third Reading Passed with Amendments (47-0)

[House Bill 538](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 75](#))

Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Stein

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Feldman

Establishing the Task Force to Study a Program for Interest-Free Loans to STEM College Students in Maryland; providing for the composition, including one member each from the Senate and House of Delegates of Maryland, cochairs, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving specified compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of specified expenses; requiring the Task Force to study and make recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before June 30, 2016; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 3/05 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-0); In the House - Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 606](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 477](#))

Domestic Violence - Persons Eligible for Relief

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Dumais

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ramirez

Altering, for specified purposes relating to domestic violence, the definition of "person eligible for relief" to include an individual who has had a sexual relationship with the respondent.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 627](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 482](#))

Public Safety - Law Enforcement Officers - Body-Worn Cameras

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Rosenberg

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ramirez

Requiring a law enforcement officer to activate both the audio and visual recording capabilities of a body-worn camera under specified circumstances; requiring a specified camera to continue recording until a specified event; providing that the camera may not record an individual engaged in specified activities, with exceptions; providing that a recording made under specified circumstances may not be used to identify specified persons; providing specified requirements for recording on private property under specified circumstances; etc.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[House Bill 807](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 277](#))

Family Law - Protective Orders - Additional Relief

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Glass

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Cassilly

Authorizing a judge in a final protective order to order the respondent to remain a specified distance away from the residence, place of employment, school, or temporary residence of a person eligible for relief.

House Bill Status = In the House - Third Reading Passed (137-0); In the Senate - First Reading Judicial Proceedings

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 2/18 at 1:00 p.m.

[House Bill 874](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 42](#))

Stormwater Management - Watershed Protection and Restoration Program - Repeal

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Reilly

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Norman

Repealing the requirement that, on or before July 1, 2013, a county or municipality subject to a specified municipal stormwater permit adopt and implement laws or ordinances to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality maintain or administer a local watershed protection and restoration fund; repealing the requirement that a county or municipality establish and annually collect a stormwater remediation fee; etc.

House Bill Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

[House Bill 982](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 684](#))

Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Program

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Frush

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ferguson

Establishing the Maryland Redeemable Beverage Container and Litter Reduction Program; stating the purpose of the Program; establishing the Maryland Beverage Recycling Organization; establishing the structure and purpose of the Organization; specifying the membership of the Organization; establishing a Board of Directors for the Organization; specifying the composition of the Board; specifying the election, duration of term, and term limits of members of the Board; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 3/04 at 1:00 p.m. (Environment and Transportation)

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Referred to interim study by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

[House Bill 1091](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 134](#))

Open Space Incentive Program - Payments to Counties

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Beitzel

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Edwards

Repealing specified provisions that provide counties with a percentage of revenues derived from a State forest or park reserve and concession operations within a county; requiring specified payments to counties for State forests, parks, and wildlife management areas that are exempt from the property tax; providing for a payment of \$250,000 for each open space unit in the county beginning in fiscal year 2017; establishing the manner of determining which land is considered in determining the amount of the payment; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 3/13 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate – Third Reading Passed (46-1); In the House – First Reading House Rules and Executive Nominations

[Senate Bill 10](#)

Motor Fuel Tax Rates - Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Brochin

Repealing a requirement that specified motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 2:00 p.m.

[Senate Bill 863](#)

Watershed Protection and Restoration Programs - Revisions

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Miller

Repealing the requirement that a specified county or municipality adopt and implement local laws or ordinances necessary to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; exempting a specified county

from specified provisions of the Act; authorizing a specified county or municipality to adopt and implement local laws or ordinances necessary to establish a watershed protection and restoration program; etc.
Status: Passed Enrolled; Awaiting signature from Governor

[Senate Bill 41](#)

Higher Education - Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award - Eligibility

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ferguson

Authorizing specified public school teachers with specified degrees from specified out-of-state institutions of higher education to be eligible for a Nancy Grasmick Teacher Award under specified circumstances.

Senate Bill Status: In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (47-0); In the House - Hearing 3/26 at 1:00 p.m.

[Senate Bill 47](#)

Election Law - Fair Campaign Financing Fund - Income Tax Checkoff

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Brochin

Establishing a checkoff on the individual income tax return through which a United States citizen or legal permanent resident may make a contribution to the Fair Campaign Financing Fund; and requiring the Comptroller to take specified actions to administer the checkoff.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 2/04 at 1:00 p.m. (Budget and Taxation)

[Senate Bill 147](#)

Local Government Tort Claims Act and Maryland Tort Claims Act - Repeal of Certain Notice Requirements

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Zirkin

Repealing a specified notice requirement for a claim under the Local Government Tort Claims Act; repealing a requirement that a claimant submit a claim within a specified time to the State Treasurer or a designee of the State Treasurer under the Maryland Tort Claims Act; and applying the Act prospectively.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 2/12 at 1:00 p.m.

[Senate Bill 181](#)

Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Phased Restoration

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Manno

Increasing the portion of highway user revenues that is distributed to local governments; altering the allocation of the local share of highway user revenues among Baltimore City, counties, and municipalities; etc.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Hearing 2/11 at 1:00 p.m.

[Senate Bill 520](#)

Criminal Law - Human Trafficking - Affirmative Defense

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Lee

Providing that, in a prosecution for a specified charge relating to prostitution, it is an affirmative defense of duress if the defendant committed the act as a result of being a victim of an act of another committed in violation of the human trafficking law; and providing that a defendant intending on asserting the affirmative defense is required to provide the State's Attorney with a specified notice.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

[Senate Bill 714](#)

Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council - Reporting and Sunset Extension

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Feldman

Altering the deadlines for the reporting requirements for the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council; and extending until June 30, 2020, the termination date for the Council.

Status: Returned Passed; Awaiting signature from Governor

WITHDRAWN

[House Bill 6](#)

Family Law - Unattended Child Under the Age of 3 Years

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Glenn

Prohibiting a person who is charged with the care of a child under the age of 3 years from allowing the child to be locked or confined in a dwelling, a building, an enclosure, or a motor vehicle out of the sight of the person charged unless the person charged with care provides a reliable person at least 15 years old to remain with the child to protect the child; provides a penalty not to exceed \$500 or imprisonment not to exceed 30 days, or both, for violations of the Act; and making the Act an emergency measure.

House Bill Status: In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn

[House Bill 19](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 164](#))

Truant Students - System of Active Intervention – Requirements

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Glenn

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Pugh

Requiring the system of active intervention for specified truant students developed by each county board of education to include an Individualized Reengagement Plan for each truant student, coordination and collaboration with State and municipal agencies to deliver services, creation of a database to track truant

students, and a specific plan for each public school to reengage truant students; requiring the Individualized Reengagement Plan to be developed by specified individuals using a specified process; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 1/28 at 3:00 p.m.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn

[House Bill 102](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 93](#))

Civil Action - Wrongfully Selling or Furnishing Alcoholic Beverages

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Dumais

Introduced by: Senator Kelley

Providing that a civil action for specified damages may be brought under specified circumstances against an alcoholic beverages licensee or the licensee's employee who sells or furnishes alcoholic beverages to an individual who was visibly under the influence of alcoholic beverages and who negligently drove or attempted to drive a motor vehicle after consuming the alcoholic beverages; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Judiciary; Withdrawn

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings

[House Bill 198](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 294](#))

Education - Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Fennell

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Ramirez

Establishing the Youth Wellness Leadership Pilot Program in the State Department of Education; requiring the Department, after consultation with the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, to implement the Program for 125 students in public high school in Prince George's County and 125 students in public high school in one other county; authorizing the State Department of Education to collaborate with specified local community organizations; specifying the purpose of the Program; etc.

House Bill Status = In the House - In the House -

Unfavorable Report by Ways and Means; Withdrawn

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs; Withdrawn

[House Bill 241](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 904](#))

Criminal Law - Human Trafficking - Adult Victim - Penalty

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Aumann

Making the crime of human trafficking in a case in which the victim of the crime is an adult a felony, rather than a misdemeanor; and making a conforming change.

House Bill Status = In the House - Hearing 2/20 at 1:00 p.m.

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Unfavorable Report by Judicial Proceedings; Withdrawn

[House Bill 1086](#) (Cross filed as [Senate Bill 132](#))

Speed Monitoring Systems - Local Designees - Hearing and Approval

Introduced in the House by: Delegate Lam

Introduced in the Senate by: Senator Brochin

Making a local jurisdiction's designation of an official or employee to investigate and respond to questions or concerns about the local jurisdiction's speed monitoring system program subject to the approval of the governing body of the local jurisdiction following a public hearing.

House Bill Status = In the House - Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation; Withdrawn

Senate Bill Status = In the Senate - Third Reading Passed (46-0); In the House - Unfavorable Report by Environment and Transportation

For further information or to submit testimony on any of this legislation, contact Dan Furman at the Howard County Delegation office at 410-841-3360 or hoc1@mlis.state.md.us.

I encourage our residents to stay tuned in if these topics are of interest to you. As always, I hope you have found this information insightful, and I encourage you to share this newsletter with your neighbors.

All the best,



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